

# Women's Societies

## SUGGESTIONS.

By Miss C. L. Campbell.

The men of our time are discovering that they have a wealth of talent of which they did not dream—to bring things to pass by prayer. Intercession has ever been what Arthur Smith calls "the deeply buried talent."—Daugherty.

### The Organized Class.

A few monthly reports of organized classes are given below, that others may see how these classes work; and if your classes are not yet organized, the young people in your societies may be interested to do more of these things than they have been doing.

### Report of a Girls' Class.

All of class at church three Sundays.

Eleven attendances at prayer meeting.

Eight attendances at Sunday night service.

One attendance at afternoon service.

Three members at Sunday-school conference.

Nine members attended service at Old Ladies' Home.

Two helped entertain the old ladies.

Class helped get work for needy woman.

Class greeted forty-seven strangers.

Took flowers to Old Ladies' Home.

Three visits to new Sunday-school scholars.

Four visits to hospital.

Attendance, 100 per cent.

Sunday-school lesson books written, 77 per cent.

### Report of Boys' Class.

During the past month our class has been active in every one of the four divisions into which the work of the Sunday-School League is divided. Our attendance has been very good, in spite of the fact that we have not had 100 per cent on any Sunday. Twice we missed it by one member, but once two new fellows came after being invited by several of us.

The preparation of the lesson has been good, our teacher tells us, and we are glad to hear it. All of us try our level best to write answers to all the questions in the Quarterly every Sunday. Sometimes they are too hard, and then we depend on our teacher, who tells us the correct answer and explains it until we understand it. A glance into our Quarterlies will show very few blank spaces and no lessons which we did not work at all.

When it comes to things outside the Sunday-school on Sunday, we have been right there this past month. The four big things that we have done are:

First. We had a Camp-fire on the night of November 24, to which we invited the members of Miss Davis' class. Only one showed up; but that wasn't our fault—we invited them, all right.

Second. On November 27 and 28 we helped to carry pine boughs to the church and to decorate the Sunday-school room for the reception the congregation had on the 29th. This was a good outside activity, we think.

Third. On Thanksgiving morning we got together a basket of good things to eat and carried it to a poor woman who needed it badly.

Fourth. We have given out the church bulletins every Sunday there were any to give out. We have not been greedy about it, but have shared the stack with Miss Davis' boys nearly every time.

For our League activity we offer

our best efforts to entertain the League tonight.

Our class is working together, you see, and we hope to keep it so. We are not going to stop with what we have done in the past, but keep right on and try to make our report even better next month. We want that banner mighty bad this month, and we wouldn't object to keeping it some time after we once get it.

### Report of Philathea Class.

Two visits paid.

Twelve telephone calls made.

Sixty post cards sent to members.

Either a postal or letter to each lady at the Richmond Home for Ladies.

Basket of fruit sent to Home.

Musical entertainment at Home.

A second \$7 for mountain girl.

Christmas tree, book, games and fruit sent to child in our cot at hospital.

\$2.50 to furnish cot at hospital for one month.

Helped the girls at Granite organize a Philathea class.

One bundle of papers sent to country.

Furnished tea, coffee and half the soup for Christmas baskets given by Sunday-school.

### A WOMAN'S BUILDING AT MONTREAT.

The Assembly's Summer Conference grounds at Montreat, N. C., has come to be the temporary headquarters of the official departments of the Church during the heated season.

Geneva Hall, built and owned by the four Executive Committees, contains not only comfortable rooms for visiting missionaries and workers, but also suites combining office and living rooms for members of the Executive Committees.

The Publication Committee has a building of its own, providing for its book store and several office rooms.

All these offices are the outgrowth of the necessity for having the official departments of the Church's work represented at Montreat.

During the past five years the Auxiliary has become one of the large and growing departments of Church work, and the summer season at Montreat finds hundreds of our workers gathered to study the needs of the mission fields and better methods of doing work.

The Auxiliary has been handicapped in the past because of lack of proper headquarters. This need was bad enough when the activities of the Auxiliary were confined to the one week of the Woman's Conference. Now, however, that the various duties of the office extend also through the special Woman's Days in both Home and Foreign Mission Week, as well as include the desirable social activities intervening, the need of permanent and adequate headquarters for our work has become insurmountable.

Last summer the Supervisory Committee approved a plan to erect a Woman's Auxiliary building this spring in time for the conferences in the summer. This building will consist of one large room with a fireplace and two small rooms partitioned off of one end, one for the stenographer's office and one for a wash-room. A large porch will add to the comfort of the building.

### The Uses of the Building.

The building will be used for the following purposes:

1. An office for the superintendent of the Auxiliary, which will enable her to have a stenographer and to

continue her regular office work and at the same time discharge the duties indicated at Montreat.

2. The building will afford a place for the display and distribution of our organization literature.

3. A meeting place where the women can make appointments to confer with each other and with the superintendent.

4. Afford a meeting place for the W. A. C., which holds its 1917 meeting at Montreat, as well as furnishing to other large committees of women a convenient and suitable place for their meetings.

5. The building will afford a home atmosphere for the social gatherings of the women, who have long needed just such a place.

The Auxiliary building is also needed to typify the importance and dignity of the Woman's Work of the Church.

### How Will the Money Be Secured.

It will cost about \$1,000 to build and furnish the building.

The Presbyterials will furnish half of this sum. We expect the remainder to be given by our friends who know the splendid work which the Auxiliary has done at Montreat. We must have the money on hand by the 1st of April, if we are to have the building this summer.

If every woman who has attended the Woman's Summer School would send us just the gift she feels able to give as a token of the benefit she received, we shall have enough for the building. Will you do this?

If every woman who hopes to go to Montreat and thus enjoy the benefits of the Auxiliary and the delights of the building will send the gift she is able to send, our building will be ready in ample time. Will you do this?

She gives twice who gives promptly.

Send all gifts marked plainly "For Montreat Building" to The Woman's Auxiliary, Peachtree and Tenth Streets, Atlanta, Ga.

### MESSAGE TO SOCIETIES OF VIRGINIA.

If you can use in your missionary work stereopticon views of South America, write to The Pan-American Union, Washington, D. C., and ask about a set of slides, which they seem anxious to lend you. Their generosity is refreshing.

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Va. Syn. Sec. Foreign Missions.

### OUR SUBSTITUTES.

In one of the national cemeteries where our soldiers sleep, among the simple, uniform gravestones is a marble monument, on which, after the name, is carved the sentence: "He died for me." This stone was erected by one who could not go to war over the body of the substitute whom he sent in his place—and who never came back!

Not to death but to life in concentrated activity we send our substitutes to the foreign field. It was to the whole body of believers that our Saviour committed the high enterprise of making his redemption known throughout the world. All cannot go to the lands where the message has not been heard, but all can remember their substitutes there. They need our gifts and our support in material things. They need, too, the constant support of daily prayer by the whole Church which they represent. Does your voice join in the great chorus of prayer that is ever ascending for them before the Throne?

There is no greater help to intelligent, specific, personal prayer for our substitutes than may be found in the steady use of the Prayer Calendar. There day by day you may find stated their names, location and

the character of the work which each one is doing. Not long ago a missionary wrote in a letter, after a day of peculiarly overwhelming burdens: "That night as I lay down I was too exhausted, mentally and physically, even to pray. But I was borne up to the very gates of heaven as I remembered that it was my day in the Prayer Calendar—that those at home and those in other mission fields were praying for me."

They count on your prayers. Do not fail them!

Paris Presbyterian Auxiliary will hold its annual meeting in the First Presbyterian church of Greenville, Texas, opening with a musicale on Wednesday evening, April 18, and going into executive session Thursday morning, April 19, closing Friday afternoon, April 20. An interesting suggestive and helpful program has been arranged, and every church of the Presbytery of Paris is urged to send a representative, whether having an organized Women's Society or not. Let each church notify Mrs. C. E. McLain, 3505 Wesley Avenue, Greenville, what ladies will come and when they will arrive. This is important. Please attend to it if it has not already been done. A large attendance is hoped for.

Mrs. T. O. Perrin, Sec.

The Macon Woman's Presbyterian Auxiliary will meet in Moultrie, Ga., April 25-27. The opening service is to be held on Wednesday evening, April 25, at 8 o'clock. Miss Elda Fair, from Africa, will be present. The president urges every church in the Presbytery to be represented. Please send names of delegates and time of arrival to Mrs. T. W. Mattox, Moultrie, Ga.

Mrs. J. M. Heath, Rec. Sec.

The Abingdon Presbyterian will hold its thirteenth annual meeting in the Presbyterian church in Tazewell church, in Tazewell, Va., April 25-26, 1917.

Mrs. W. G. Hagy, Sec.

Lafayette Presbyterian will convene at Booneville, Mo., April 25-27. Mrs. F. W. Lane, our Synodical president, will be present. Rev. Trigg A. M. Thomas, from the home field, and Rev. James Allen, from Africa, will also address the Presbyterian.

Mrs. B. B. Frazer, Pres.

### A FAILURE THAT WAS NOT A FAILURE.

I got a letter the other day from a friend who is a missionary in Japan. He had for very many years been engaged in an interesting work. He ran a sort of advertisement in the Japanese papers, and then occasionally printed a brief but attractive account of what Christianity is, with the hope of arousing the curiosity of the Japanese readers. At the end he would add that if anyone were interested he might correspond with them. As a result of that work he got into correspondence with hundreds and hundreds of men. In a recent letter he writes: "The total number of people who applied to us for tracts last year was 959, making the total from February, 1914, when the work began, to December 31, 1915, 3,590. There have been seven baptisms since my previous letter, and the total number to date is forty-five. Number forty-five is a most instructive case of the Lord's blessing resting upon what was, humanly speaking, a complete failure. The young man in question is a bright young student in the normal school at this place, who was baptized a week ago last Sunday, after coming to my house off and on for two years, and getting a good deal of in-